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SUBJ: UP-DATE ON ANTONIO TOLEDO CORRO

REF: MAZATLAN 0226

1. THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTONIO TOLEDO-CORRO AS SECRETARY OF AGRARIAN REFORM WAS CONSIDERED ADVANTAGEOUS FOR MAZATLAN. NEW SECRETARY HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS FONDNESS FOR MAZATLAN ON MANY OCCASIONS, PARTICULARLY ONCE WHEN HE ASSISTED IN REHABILITATION OF CITY AFTER A DEVASTATING HURRICANE. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, HIS TERM AS MAYOR OF MAZATLAN FROM 1960-1962 WAS CUT SHORT WHEN HE RESIGNED ON THE PROMISE OF A HIGH MEXICO CITY OFFICIAL TO SUPPORT HIM FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP OF SINALOA. HOWEVER, AFTER HIS RESIGNATION, TOLEDO-CORRO'S MEXICO CITY CONNECTION RENEGED ON HIS PROMISE AND TOLEDO-CORRO WAS WITHOUT POLITICAL OFFICE. HE IS REPORTEDLY STILL SMARTING FROM THIS TREATMENT BY THE OFFICIAL WHO IS PRESENTLY HIGHLY PLACED IN MEXICO CITY.

2. ACCORDING TO MAZATLAN'S NUEVO DIARIO OF JUNE 19, TOLEDO-CORRO'S BROTHER IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ANTONIO TOLEDO-CORRO HAS NEVER OWNED LAND NOR CATTLE. HOWEVER, TOLEDO-CORRO DOES CONTROL TWO LARGE FIRMS IN MAZATLAN: (1) TRACTO LABORES DE OCCIDENTE WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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DEALS IN LAND CLEARING, ROAD CONSTRUCTION, DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION AND PREPARATION OF LAND FOR AGRICULTURE. ACCORDING TO WTDR PREPARED ON FIRM BY CONSULATE, THE WORKING CAPITAL IS REPORTED TO BE THIRTY-FIVE MILLION PESOS AND (2) TRACTORES DE OCCIDENTE, S.A., WHICH IMPORTS SPARE PARTS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND RETAILS JOHN DEERE EQUIPMENT. CONSULATE'S WTDR ON THIS FIRM INDICATES THAT WORKING CAPITAL IS OVER TEN MILLION

PESOS AND ANNUAL SALES VOLUME IS REPORTED OVER FIFTEEN MILLION PESOS. FIRM RECENTLY OCCUPIED NEW BUILDING WHICH WAS INAUGURATED BY THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS.

3. FOR SIDELIGHT ON TOLEDO-CORRO, SEE MAZATLAN'S A-02 DATED APRIL 13, 1976, PARAGRAPH 2 (HIGHLIGHTS REPORT).

COMMENT: TOLEDO-CORRO IS FIRST AND FOREMOST A BUSINESSMAN AND SECONDLY A POLITICIAN. IN THE UNIQUE POSITION OF BEING THE MAINSTAY OF TWO FIRMS WHICH OFFER GOODS AND SERVICES SOUGHT BY MUNICIPALITIES AND LAND-OWNERS, TOLEDO-CORRO'S FUTURE IS ENTWINED WITH THEIRS.  
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